

TOWN OF ESSEX  
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

**Executive Board**  
*Daniel Lapman, Chairman*  
*Charles Corson, Vice Chairman*

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**Regular Members**  
*Nancy Arnold*  
*Fred Szufnarowski*  
*John Ackerman, Planning*  
*Jeffrey Lovelace, Conservation*  
*Jim Hill, Zoning Liaison*

**Alternate Members**  
*Steve Knauth*  
*Jim Leo*

**Unapproved**

**Minutes - Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 9, 2014**

**Call to Order and Seating of Members**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex IWWC was conducted on September 9, 2014 in Conference Room A, of the Essex Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

**Attending Members:**

Chuck Corson  
Fred Szufnarowski  
Nancy Arnold  
Jeffrey Lovelace  
John Ackerman  
Jim Hill  
Jim Leo, Seated for Dan Lapman  
Steve Knauth, Alternate

**Absent Members:**

Dan Lapman

**Staff:**

Joe Budrow, Wetlands Enforcement Agent  
Stella Beaudoin, Recording Clerk

Mr. Corson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Seated for the approval of the Minutes were all of the regular members present and two alternates.

### **Approval of August 12, 2014 Minutes – Regular meeting**

The following amendments were suggested and noted in italics:

Page 5, Application “14-10”.

Page 5, Motion on Application 14-9 seconded by “*Fred Szufnarowski*”.

Page 3, Application 14-7, Motion made by “*Fred Szufnarowski*”.

**MOTION** made by J. Hill to approve the August 12, 2014 Minutes as amended; **SECONDED** by C. Corson; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, J. Hill, J. Leo, N. Arnold, F. Szufnarowski, S. Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** J. Lovelace, J. Ackerman; **Approved:** 6/0/2.

### **Approval of August 21, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION** made by S. Knauth to approve Minutes of the August 21, 2014 Special meeting Minutes as presented; **SECONDED** by J. Hill; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, J. Lovelace, N. Arnold, J. Ackerman, J. Hill, J. Leo, F. Szufnarowski, S. Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 8/0/0.

There was a brief discussion on the seating of alternate members in connection with their ability to vote.

**MOTION** made by C. Corson to accept the prior votes on the Minutes of August 12, 2014 and August 21, 2014 as presented; **SECONDED** by N. Arnold; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, J. Lovelace, N. Arnold, J. Ackerman, J. Hill, J. Leo, F. Szufnarowski; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

### **Old Business**

#### **Regular Meeting**

Seated for the regular meeting were all of the regular members in attendance and one alternate.

**Application 14-6** – Robert and Pamela Kolp, 24 Cove Rest Pentway, Essex. This is an application to relocate an existing storm drain to outflow onto applicant’s property and to replace existing stairs and walkway that lead to a dock. This application is continued from the IWWC August 12, 2014 regularly scheduled meeting.

**MOTION** made by N. Arnold to table **Application 14-6** – Robert and Pamela Kolp, 24 Cove Rest Pentway, Essex; **SECONDED** by J. Ackerman; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, J.

Lovelace, N. Arnold, J. Ackerman, J. Hill, J. Leo, F. Szufnarowski; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

**Application 14-10 – Christopher Govil**, property located at 203 Westbrook Road. This is an application to allow a 14' x 30' accessory structure to a point 30 feet from the edge of Tiffany Pond.

Christopher Govil presented. Mr. Govil stated that he would like to construct a shed for the purpose of storing his tractors, bicycles, a fishing boat and kayaks. Mr. Govil noted that the prior owners sealed the access to the basement of the house.

Mr. Govil stated that the shed is a pre-fabricated building that will be wired for electricity and which will be seated on a stone base. The location is not within a flood zone, however it is within a watershed area.

**MOTION** made by N. Arnold to conduct a site inspection on September 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. on behalf of **Application 14-10 – Christopher Govil**, property located at 203 Westbrook Road. This is an application to allow a 14' x 30' accessory structure to a point 30 feet from the edge of Tiffany Pond; **SECONDED** by C. Corson; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, J. Lovelace, N. Arnold, J. Ackerman, J. Hill, J. Leo, F. Szufnarowski; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

**MOTION** made by C. Corson to table **Application 14-10 – Christopher Govil**, property located at 203 Westbrook Road. This is an application to allow a 14' x 30' accessory structure to a point 30 feet from the edge of Tiffany Pond; **SECONDED** by N. Arnold; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, N. Arnold, J. Lovelace, J. Ackerman, J. Hill, J. Leo, F. Szufnarowski; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

### **Other Business**

Members discussed an application that previously came before the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission for which a Permit was granted for the construction of a building which was ultimately constructed in the wrong location.

Ms. Arnold suggested that a letter be sent to the Essex Selectman, the building official, and the various Boards and Commissions within the Town stating that when a Wetlands Permit is issued, someone must be present when the forms are being poured to be sure that they are in accordance with the conditions of the Permit.

Ms. Arnold stated that once the Wetlands permit is issued the proposal must be executed within conformance of the permit and within the Wetland regulations.

Ms. Arnold suggested that when a Permit is issued, the IWWC should consider making it a special condition of approval that Mr. Budrow in his capacity as Wetlands Enforcement Officer will be present when the forms are being poured, on an as needed basis.

**MOTION** made by C. Corson to authorize Mr. Budrow to send a letter to the Essex Selectman, the building official, and the various Boards and Commissions within the Town stating that when a Wetlands Permit is issued, someone must be present when the forms are being poured to be sure that they are in accordance with the conditions of the Permit; **SECONDED** by N. Arnold; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, N. Arnold, J. Lovelace, J. Ackerman, J. Hill, J. Leo, F. Szufnarowski; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

**Correspondence and Invoices**

- There was no correspondence

- There were no invoices.

**Wetlands Agent Report:**

Joseph Budrow reported on the issuance of the following administrative approval:

- Administrative Permit 14A-8, issued for property owned by McNeil at 159, River Road, Essex, CT. A Wetlands Permit was previously issued for the removal of a house which is to be rebuilt on the same foundation. The house has not yet been constructed, however the owner modified the septic system. A septic trench will be added to run parallel from the existing that is up to 40 feet from an intermittent stream, and a septic placement 90 feet from intermittent stream.
- Mr. Budrow commented on an Administrative Permit he will issue to Sal Sapia for property owned on Gates Road for the installation of an underground propane tank.

**Chairman Report – Chuck Corson, Vice-Chair:**

An article in the publication, Habitat, “Journey to the Legal Horizon”. Mr. Corson commented on an application that falls under the guise of a “by rights” activity noting that in a situation such as this, the resident must apply for a Wetlands Permit and present their proposal before the Commission.

Mr. Corson presented before the Middletown IWWC and he noted that the Commission states the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the meeting and each member has an identifying name plate.

**Planning Commission – John Ackerman:**

Mr. Ackerman stated that there was no meeting in August. The next meeting which is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> will be postponed. The plan for Centerbrook revitalization will be discussed at the October Planning Commission meeting.

**Conservation Commission – Jeffrey Lovelace:**

Mr. Lovelace reported that the three Preserves are all in good shape. The Conservation Commission is pursuing the eradication of invasive species and phragmite control, as well as conducting tick control which has been contracted through All Habitat Services.

Mr. Lovelace reported that Tamara Sutfin, President of the Middle Cove Condominium Association presented to the Commission seeking advice to determine how to control the phragmite population

and the increasingly dense tree line, both of which are destroying their view of the CT River and overtaking the surround land.

**Zoning Commission – Jim Hill:**

Mr. Hill stated that there is nothing new to report related to the Zoning Commission.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by J. Ackerman to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled IWWC meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the Essex Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue at 7:30 p.m.; **SECONDED** by F. Szufnarowski; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, N. Arnold, J. Lovelace, J. Ackerman, J. Hill, J. Leo, F. Szufnarowski; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin  
Recording Secretary